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Tips for the TISO

by Major David R. White

Having monitored the operations of several troop issue subsistence activities (TISA's) in U.S. Army, Europe, I have developed a great appreciation for the complex job of the troop issue subsistence officer (TISO). I have observed that successful subsistence officers follow five basic principles in operating their subsistence activities. These principles are offered as tips on how to succeed as a troop issue subsistence officer—

- Coordinate daily with your food adviser. Many TISA problems are both subsistence supply and food service problems which the TISO and food adviser can mutually solve.
- Get to know your dining facility managers. Person-to-person contact with your customers can lead to improved support with fewer complaints.
- Get to know your suppliers. Visit the people who process TISA requisitions, the depot personnel who fill them, and other suppliers such as commissary officers, other subsistence officers, and local merchants. Any of these sources may one day prevent your having a zero balance.
- Adjust your requisitioning procedure to fit the size of your particular TISA. No two activities are alike. Standard stockage objectives and required delivery dates may not apply in every TISA. Keep storage space filled but avoid becoming overstocked.
- Exercise constant vigilance over stocks to prevent them from being pilfered. Item accounting keeps track of this potentially pilferable class of supply.

Following these basic tips requires every bit of the subsistence officer's professionalism and dedication. The rewards are satisfied customers and a successful TISA operation.

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